
**Moretown Select Board Meeting
November 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM
79 School Street
In the John Hoogenboom Meeting Room
Via ZOOM Meeting ID 620 104 2716 or call in: 929-205-6099**

Members Present: Tom Martin, John Hoogenboom, Don Wexler, Robin Campbell, (not present Callie Streeter)

Guests: MRVTV, Emily Hackett, Clark Amadon, Martin Cameron, Liz Harris, Olivia Kantyka, Chuck Burt, David Stapleton, Colin Nohl, Karen Horn, Deborah Carroll, John Schmeltzer, Sasha Elwell

Meeting called to order by Tom at 6:04 PM

Public Comment: there was none

6:05 **Yard "clean-up"** – Liz was present to speak with the SB about cleaning up the yard in front of MES and the town parking lot. She would like to trim up some trees and make the appearance more pleasing. She will come back to another SB meeting in the spring to talk about it more.

Clark was present to give an update on the wastewater project. The committee recommends the SB sign the grant agreement, Clark will be forwarding it over to Tom. The test pits are scheduled to be done the week of 12/4 and Martin will be renting a mini excavator to get this done. Clark will be back in to give the SB another update in about a month.

6:27 **Planning Commission** was present to do some brainstorming with the SB on building on legal trails and class IV roads. Being that this is when the PC is starting to work on the new town plan, it is actually a good time to be thinking about it. Clarification was made on the maintenance for A and B category for class IV roads. A is once a year maintenance and B is not much of anything. Discussion was had on forming a sub-committee, consisting of one resident, Martin Cameron and one member from each committee in town. David will be organizing this, Colin volunteered to be that resident.

7:07 **Road Department Budget** – Martin was present to go over the budget and overall the numbers didn't go up more than \$15K. Items that really have been affected this year and in the coming year are sand/gravel, fuel and culverts. Quick discussion was had on the uniforms for the road crew and they were very happy with the stipend of money given to them for purchasing their work clothes at Lenny's. Sasha will reach out and be sure that this program with them can continue. Tom agreed to check on the 2018 truck and see what is going on with new motor. Martin let the SB know there are a few things that he has checked into and had a "wish list" for the road department. He is still hoping to get the permitting done on a conex box (still running roughly \$4K) that has been spoken about in the previous years. Dry storage for tires and many other things would be a great asset. He has looked into a blower for the front of the grader, they are roughly \$10K. Having a blower on the front of the grader in the fall would

be a benefit to clearing the road edge for better grading. Martin would like to purchase a portable hydraulic hose making machine. Fisher has a deal going on right now that if you buy \$4K in product, you get the machine for free. He is going to check more into the fine print of this deal. It would be a great asset to the road department for when a hose blows out on the road at 4:00 am, it could be fixed right there and not have to delay getting the roads tended to when weather is bad. The pressure washer is getting bad and is going to need to be replaced soon. Martin has priced them and they run between \$8,500 – 9,000. There was quick discussion on the village hill cracks and Tom reminded Martin that the hill is going to be repaved, that was what the grant was for that Cherilyn secured this past summer.

7:53 **CV Fiber** – Chuck and Olivia were present to give an update on what has been happening with CV Fiber. Chuck said that things have been very slow going, the anticipated progression is not going as quickly as they had hoped it would. The next towns they are working in are Worcester, Middlesex and then Moretown. Chuck reminded the SB that what the town allocated to them, is to only be used in Moretown and it is sitting in an escrow account. But there is more funding that is needed to expand to Moretown. At this point, the best-case scenario is the end of 2024. They are working on a capital campaign fund. Olivia advised that there will be a report going out to everyone in December. Tom asked that they continue to keep the town up to date. They plan on coming back to another meeting after the new year.

8:04 **Reports & Communications:** Sasha mentioned the discussion at the last SB meeting, about using \$4,300 of the maintenance reserve for the last repair on the grader. Cherilyn needs a **motion to be made** for it to be official. Tom **so moved**. John seconded. All were in favor.

The last quote for the camera system was obtained for the town office. The two prices were \$5,326.00 and \$10,682.00, with the grant amount being \$3,500. Tom **made the motion** to move to accept the most-fair price. John seconded. All were in favor. Tom wanted to be sure that we are able to utilize the grant before the end of the year.

Sasha wanted direction as to where to expense the parts for the borrowed Berlin truck. After discussing it, it was decided to expense it from the rental line in the road department budget.

Don asked if Robin had any luck with the Historical Society and the 250 Vt Anniversary. He is going to reach out to them again.

Don brought up the North Moretown Feasibility Study and let everyone know that the committee is looking for the SB feedback at the next meeting.

John advised that the stormwater project should be finishing up this week. He said that the light in the parking lot is still out and has not heard anything about it being fixed yet, which is disappointing.

John asked that when there is more than one Don or Tom, for example, at a meeting that last names be used in the minutes. John wanted it noted that having Robin contact the Historical Society regarding the Vt 250 Anniversary, was just a suggestion since he is the liaison (referring to page 2). John made the motion to accept the amended SB minutes of 11/06/2023. Don seconded. All were in favor.

8:22 **Old Business:** there was nothing

8:23 **New Business:** there was nothing

Warrants documents signed and approved:

Payroll 23052 e – checks 4403 – 4412

Accounts Payable 23053 checks 24366 – 24401

DLC liquor license for Apres Express was not approved. No information on the business location could be found on Google and no one had heard of the establishment.

Adjourn: Tom **made the motion** to adjourn at 8:33 PM. John seconded. All were in favor.